

Seamless switching between two groups of signals

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Abstract of GB2356518

A system for switching between first and second groups of signals wherein a command centre 534 inserts an analogue tone into a first group of signals, the first signals are then received by an encoder 546 which detects the analogue tone and replaces it with a digital tone, the first signals are then sent to a server 550, on detecting the digital tone the server 550 switches from the first signals to a second group of signals. The second group of signals may be stored at the server 550. Preferably the server 550 has prior knowledge about the length of the second group's content and when the server 550 detects the end of this content it switches back to the first group of signals. The first group of signals may be a live event with the second group being advertisements.

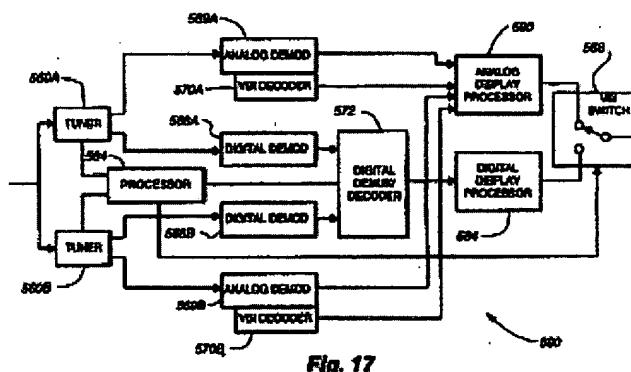


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